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Mrs. Durant.

And the monthly visitors.

Assignment of Monthly Visitors, 1900-1901.

Dec.	1.	Mrs. Davis.	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Storer.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Westcott.	Jan.	15.	Miss McCallar.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Bennett.
March	1.	Mrs. Durant.	March	15.	Mrs. Folsom.
April	1.	Miss Murdock.	April	15.	Miss Chamberlin.
May	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	May	15.	Mrs. Davis.
June	1.	Mrs. Storer.	June	15.	Mrs. Westcott.
July	1.	Miss Murdock.	July	15.	Miss Ellis.
Aug.	1.	Miss McCallar.	Aug.	15.	Mrs. Shaw.
Sept.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Sept.	15.	Mrs. Fox.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Bennett.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Durant.
Nov.	1.	Miss Chamberlin.	Nov.	15.	Mrs. Fox.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month

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OF

THE AVON HOME.

THE records of the Avon Home from year to year seem rather monotonous in our annual reports; yet, if we could look into the past and future of our Home we might find good influences which do not immediately show upon the surface. We can only tell our Cambridge friends that we have prospered during the past year, that we have no debts, and the interest upon the legacies we have received have made up — in money, at least — for the falling off, either by death, or by other causes, of some of our kindest subscribers. We say in money, at least,— for nothing can compensate for the warm and special interest of some of our friends. In the early days of our Home, and in the summer when most of the Trustees were out of town, the ladies left in charge were dismayed at the prospect of sudden calls upon the treasury, when the funds were very low. Our kind and wise neighbor, Mr. Dixwell, came to the rescue, and gave us five hundred dollars, which we called the "emergency fund," and was only to be used when the need was pressing; he gave to our building fund, and again and again was generous to us in many ways. Now, as a parting gift, he has left us a legacy of five thousand (5,000) dollars. May we keep his memory green!

In common with all Cambridge charities we mourn the loss of a devoted, generous friend, in the death of Mr. Durrell, who was our adviser and constant benefactor, as well as our Vice-President; also Miss Palmer has left us in the past year, leaving the record of a beautiful, unselfish life, devoted to all good works. Both have remembered the Home in their wills.

We have been obliged to receive, with great regret, the resignation from our Board of Mrs. Alice G. Teele, who for many years has been a most valuable assistant. To her skill and energy the success of our May-day festivities is largely due. We received into our treasury more than twelve hundred (1,200) dollars as the proceeds of our last reception.

We still continue to feed and clothe forty children at one time. In the past year we have had eighteen new admissions; fourteen children have been returned to their relatives, — usually to their mothers, but, in some instances, to both parents. It is with great reluctance that we send them back to their old surroundings at an early age.

We have a new matron who has been with us but a short time, but we hope she will have both the will and the power to carry out the law of love, which should control such a Home as ours. We are constantly receiving poor little neglected children, who come to us with no more ideas of cleanliness, or of decent manners, than so many little savages. It takes the love which is the "fulfilling of the law" and almost superhuman patience to bring them into a sense of the proprieties of outside life, to say nothing of principles. It is very pathetic to have one of these troublesome boys, who has a worthless mother deserted by his father, take hold of one's hand, and say,

"The other boys have mammas come to see them, but I do not have any; will you be my mamma, and take me home?" It gives one a sense of responsibility, which no abstract considerations for bettering the conditions of little children could possibly give. Our home is like a window-garden, which thrives under the care of a lover of flowers, but comes to nought, even with the richest of soil, if it have not personal love and attention.

We have been fortunate this summer in securing, for a month of the vacation, the services of a young lady, who trained the children in physical exercises, and who gave to our young assistant matron many suggestions for the entertainment and instruction of the children. This has been money well expended.

We have had no death in the home for several years, although we have had a few cases of illness, which gave us great anxiety. The sanitary conditions of the house have careful attention. We owe a large debt of gratitude to our excellent physicians for their skilful and kind care.

To the various clubs and to private homes we are indebted for valuable clothing, as well as for milk, fruit, and vegetables, which are always acceptable. Several of the churches have hospitably opened their doors to our children to participate in their Christmas festivities, and indeed we have seldom felt forgotten at that season. There has been an unusual demand upon the charities of Cambridge this year, and probably for that reason we had no money sent to us for vacation excursions; we had only the usual gift of car tickets from the Boston Elevated Railroad.

And now we come to our old subject of a pressing need for a place to receive our boys when they are too old to be kept in the Home. We must remember that these children are to grow up, to make "for weal or for woe" the

future of our city. Shall they be left to use their spare energies in breaking and entering closed houses in summer, and to making our streets unlovely and noisy all the year round with bad language and ill manners? This is a vital question for good men and women to decide. We never can feel that we are doing all that the Home ought to do, and we shall always be beggars at the doors of our Cambridge neighbors. Although we most earnestly desire to enlarge and advance our methods of work, we still feel that under its present conditions the Avon Home takes an important and valuable place among the charities of Cambridge.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH S. STORER.
ELIZABETH C. FOLSOM.

THE following extract from the report of the Clothing Committee is printed by request: —

We need at least a thousand articles of clothing each year for the children in the Home, and to provide those who go out with at least two changes, and the supply never exceeds the demand. We may, therefore, all encourage the willing workers to continue their labors for us. We also most gratefully receive partly worn clothing, which is usually serviceable for making over; and new material, for cutting and making in the Home, is always acceptable.

At the February meeting of the Trustees, the death of MISS PALMER was spoken of in these words: —

Again the band of workers for the AVON HOME has been called upon to part with one of its members. In the death of Miss LYDIA M. PALMER the Trustees have lost one whose ready sympathy and material aid have been cheerfully given for many years. Always ready to accept her share in investigating claims for assistance, her place will not be easy to fill in the locality especially represented by her.

Her gentle, kindly presence will be missed by those who have shared her labors, and by the Home whose interests have been to her so dear.

AT the meeting of the Trustees in March the following tribute to the memory of MR. DURRELL was read: —

The Trustees desire to record in this minute their sincere sense of the loss that the AVON HOME has sustained in the death of OLIVER H. DURRELL. As member and vice-president of the Board of Trustees he faithfully served the interests of the Home for nine years.

He gave time from the pressing occupations of a busy life to the affairs of the Home, in which his experience and sagacity were of the greatest assistance.

The gratitude of his fellow trustees was especially called forth when our usual quiet routine of duties was interrupted by a critical condition in which his wise counsel and prompt action proved indispensable.

Through the income from a generous bequest that he made to the permanent endowment of the Home, the life work of our departed member will be long continued and held in memory.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
By gain from exchange of bonds	166.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
	$63,127.05

Emergency Fund	$500.00
H. M. S. Fund	44.54
Piano Fund	14.63

The Funds are accounted for as follows: —

Notes secured by mortgages	$10,600.00
Bonds	39,876.80
Railway shares	10,330.75
Savings Bank deposit	1,744.43
Awaiting investment	1,134.24

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1899, Nov. 1.		
Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$76.38
Held for Investment		227.01
To Cash from year ending November 1, 1900: —		
St. John's Memorial Chapel	$102.00	
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	184.41	
One half of Thanksgiving Offering at Service in Pilgrim Church	4.31	
In His Name Club	4.50	
Prospect St. Church	15.00	
Prospect St. Sunday School	16.97	
Proceeds of Whist Party and Children's Recital at Mrs. E. D. Mellen's	75.00	
Ladies' Benevolent Circle, First Univ. Society	10.00	
Shepard Sunday School	20.00	
Individual Donations	482.10	
Annual Subscriptions	834.00	
Board	258.75	
General Income	2,838.45	
May Sale	1,203.65	
Sale of Wood and Rent of Concord Farm	458.75	
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	2,020.00	
Drew from Piano Fund	1.50	
Matured Bond	500.00	
Interest on Piano Fund	1.29	
Interest on H. M. S. Fund	4.63	
		9,035.31
		$9,338.70

Cambridge, Nov. 8. 1900.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Treasurer, and found them correct and properly vouched. The securities have also been examined and agree with the treasurer's account.

WILLIAM M. DAVIS,
SANFORD B. HUBBARD, *Auditors.*

1900, Nov. 1.			
By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —			
Salary of Matron and Employees		$2,015.34	
Provisions and Groceries		2,022.47	
Fuel, Gas, and Water		473.55	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods		269.33	
Furniture and House Utensils		106.19	
Improvements and Repairs		159.30	
Telephone		41.35	
Druggist		36.53	
Printing		77.00	
Holiday extras		8.36	
Tuning Piano		1.50	
Excursions and Car rides		4.30	
Taxes on Concord Farm		102.67	
Sundries		109.67	
			$5,427.56
Invested for Permanent Fund		2,227.01	
Carried to Piano Fund		1.29	
Carried to H. M. S. Fund		4.63	
			2,232.93
The Balance is apportioned as follows: —			
Held for investment		1,134.24	
Held for Printing and Repairs	325.00		
Cash on hand	218.97		
		543.97	
			1,678.21
			$9,338.70

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending November 1, 1900.

Mrs. G. W. Abbot	$5.00	Miss E. W. Green	$2.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	1.00	Mrs. James Greenleaf	20.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00	Mrs. L. B. Grover	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00	Mrs. C. L. Harding	5.00
Miss M. J. Bacon	2.00	Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Miss Barker	.50	Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hayes	20.00
Mrs. A. R. Bayley	1.00	Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
Mrs. G. W. Beaman	2.00	Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	5.00
Miss S. C. Bent	1.00	Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	25.00
O. T. Boyd	2.00	Mrs. H. H. Hilton	2.00
Miss Edith Bradford	2.00	Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
Miss S. H. Bradford	2.00	Miss Kate McP. Howe	5.00
S. J. Brooks	5.00	Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
Mrs. S. E. Buck	2.00	Mrs. R. T. Howes	1.00
Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch	1.00	R. J. Hudson	1.00
Mrs. F. J. Bumstead	5.00	Mrs. M. E. Hyde	2.00
Mrs. Lucien Carr	5.00	Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Miss Cary	5.00	Mrs. A. E. Jones	2.00
Mrs. Newell Chamberlain	1.00	B. M. Jones	5.00
Mrs. D. U. Chamberlin	5.00	C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Miss L. M. Chamberlin	1.00	Mrs. G. L. Kittredge	2.00
Mrs. A. P. Clark	1.00	Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00	Mrs. F. B. Lane	10.00
Mrs. William Cook	5.00	Mrs. D. Lawrence	4.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	1.00	Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	1.00
Mrs. John Crawford	1.00	D. G. Lyon	2.00
Mrs. A. McF. Davis	1.00	Miss Annie S. Montague	10.00
Mrs. W. M. Davis	10.00	Miss Annie Moore	1.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00	Miss V. M. Morse	2.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00	Miss M. Murdock	10.00
Mrs. Robert Douglass	5.00	Mrs. N. C. Nash	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dresser	15.00	Miss W. H. Neal	2.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	2.00	Mrs. G. W. C. Noble	5.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	10.00	Mrs. Fred. Odiorne	1.00
Mrs. E. R. Ellis	2.00	Miss J. W. Paine	15.00
Miss M. A. Ellis	10.00	Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	2.00
Mrs. F. I. Eustis	5.00	Mrs. E. M. Parker	10.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	5.00	Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Fisk	10.00	Mrs. F. Perrin	1.00
Mrs. Norton Folsom	2.00	Miss Pike	.50
Mrs. F. C. Foster	20.00	Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00	Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Kuno Francke	3.00	Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. L. M. Goodnow	5.00	Mrs. B. R. Rand	5.00
Mrs. B. F. Goodrich	10.00	Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00
Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00	C. C. Read	5.00
Mrs. Hersey Goodwin	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. John Read	10.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00	William Read	5.00
Miss Frances Gray	1.00	Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00

Mrs. W. T. Richardson . . . $5.00	Mrs. J. B. Thayer $3.00
Mrs. J. L. Ross 20.00	Mrs. H. N. Tilton 1.00
Miss C. H. Saunders . . . 2.00	C. H. Toy 5.00
Mrs. A. H. Saville 5.00	Benjamin Vaughan 30.00
Mrs. W. T. Sears 5.00	F. W. Vaughan 5.00
Miss M. T. Sedgwick . . . 5.00	Miss M. H. Virgin 2.00
Mrs. M. C. Shaw 2.00	A. S. Waitt 5.00
Mrs. George Sheffield . . . 5.00	Mrs. A. J. Wallace 2.00
Miss E. R. Simmons . . . 3.00	Miss C. L. Ware 3.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons 3.00	Mrs. A. C. Wellington . . . 1.00
Mrs. Chauncey Smith . . . 5.00	Mrs. J. A. Wellington . . . 5.00
Mrs. J. B. Smith 3.00	Mrs. W. W. Wellington . . 1.00
Mrs. A. F. Sortwell 5.00	Mrs. Henry Westcott . . . 5.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman 10.00	C. J. White 20.00
Mrs. W. F. Stark 2.00	Mrs. J. G. White 20.00
Misses E. W. and H. L. Storer . 10.00	Miss Maria Whitney . . . 5.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer 10.00	Mrs. W. P. Wiggin 5.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan 10.00	Miss Mary Woodman . . . 25.00
Mrs. C. H. Taft 1.00	Mrs. T. F. Wright 10.00
Miss C. A. Taggard 5.00	Miss M. C. Wyman 2.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot . . $20.00	W. W. Goodwin $25.00
Mrs. Sumner Albee 5.00	Mrs. C. H. Grandgent . . . 5.00
Mrs. J. Q. Bennett 5.00	Mrs. Estes Howe 5.00
Miss M. E. Blatchford . . . 10.00	Mrs. F. H. Jones 5.00
Francis Boott 5.00	W. H. Neal 5.00
F. G. Bromberg, Mobile . . 5.00	The Misses Peabody 50.00
F. R. C. 10.00	Miss J. E. S. Phelan . . . 3.00
C. T. Carruth 25.00	W. T. Piper 30.00
Mrs. Richard Cary 20.00	G. F. Ricker 1.10
C. C. Clarke, Shanghai . . . 25.00	Warren Sanger 5.00
Mrs. A. L. Devens 5.00	Mrs. George Sheffield . . . 5.00
Miss Mildred Everett . . . 10.00	H. C. Stetson 15.00
Mrs. G. R. Farrell 1.00	Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan . . 2.00
T. B. Gannett 50.00	John Wilson & Son 10.00
J. C. Gray 5.00	Miss Mary Woodman . . . 75.00
Peter Gray 10.00	H. D. Yerxa 20.00
C. G. Green 10.00	

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 1756 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending November 1, 1900.

1899. November. Mrs. R. N. Toppan, two pairs boots, one pair overshoes, one pair rubber boots, one flannel blouse, one boy's suit, one pair trousers; Mrs. F. G. Houghton, cards and papers; Mrs. D. A. Ritchie, two hats, two caps, two wrappers, two dresses, two coats, two pairs shoes, one pair overshoes, one muff and tippet; Shepard Memorial Society, eleven gingham aprons, one pair cotton drawers; Sewing Society of Prospect Street Church, eighteen pairs drawers; Mrs. Edward Channing, three flannel skirts, one hat, two coats; George G. Page's box factory, fifty-four baskets wood; Mrs. Justin Winsor, two afghans, four quilts; "O. B." Club, one pair drawers, one apron; Mrs. T. B. Gannett, one brass-trimmed crib and mattress; Mrs. C. E. Briggs, books; Massachusetts Bible Society, fifteen Bibles; Prospect Street Church Y. P. S. C. E., papers; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, clothing; Mr. E. S. Dixwell, barrel pears; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, turkey; Mrs. R. B. Storer, turkey; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goodwin, turkey; Conant & Stockwell, two turkeys; A Friend, turkey and cranberries; A Friend, oranges; Cambridgeport Flower Mission, two barrels vegetables, apples, etc.; Mrs. J. A. Swan, basket apples; St. John's Church, turkey, two pies, candy, and apples; a friend, candy and celery.

December. Miss C. A. Taggard, two dresses, four skirts, one apron; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, four aprons, four collars, three blouses, three skirts, two woollen dresses, one pair shoes, one pair slippers, one cotton dress; Mrs. Chadwick, one flannel suit, one cotton blouse, one pair trousers, one woollen waist; Dr. Dixwell, flowers; Boston Branch of Needlework Guild, thirty new garments; First Parish Sunday School, Miss Williston's class, two baskets fruit; Prospect Street Congregational Sunday School, Miss Carrie Bill's and Miss Florence Hasting's classes, Thanksgiving gifts of candy, etc.; Miss Wells's Kindergarten, chicken, fruit, candy, etc.; Mrs. John Read, can of milk; "The Bee," three waists, seven pairs cotton drawers; Miss Burleigh, pieces of fur; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, one year's subscription to the "Youth's Companion," seven rugs for the boys' room; Mrs. Max Poll, two dolls; Mrs. W. B. Wood, four nightgowns; Mrs. Jabez Fox, three dozen baskets, picture for Mrs. Thayer Room, table-cover, and articles for the children's Christmas stockings; estate of R. C. Waterston, trunk of toys, pictures, etc., set of lace curtains; Miss Christine Farley, pieces of dress goods; Miss Laura Churchill, six bibs, two nightgowns, three pairs drawers; Mrs. John Read, can of milk; Miss Scudder, large screen, box of cards, etc.; Miss Mary C. Sever, toys; Mrs. George Kent, seven gingham dresses, one blouse; Miss M. J. Bacon, six flannelette dresses for nursery; Miss L. A. Whitney, cards; St. John's Church, through Miss Keith, three books; The Guild, toys; Miss May's Kindergarten, toys for Christmas; Penelope Noyes, toys for Christmas; Miss Harlow, dolls; Mrs. Folsom, articles for Christmas stockings; Mrs. C. E. Briggs, clothing; Mrs. J. A. Swan, figs and prunes; J. H. Wyeth, figs, nuts, and raisins; Mrs. F. D. Allen, one boy's suit, one coat; Estlin Cummings, toys; Mrs. and Miss Bulfinch, one hood, two infant's slips, two handkerchiefs, one pair reins; Mrs. Jouett, mittens, baskets, and neckties for Christmas; Miss Helen W. Munroe, toys for Christmas; Mrs. E. F. Everett, Christmas-tree decorations and toys; Helen Noyes Mission Band, six dressed dolls; Mrs. W. E. Stone, three hats, three coats, three pairs boots, three union suits, three pairs stockings, one skirt, two flannel nightgowns; St. James's Church Sunday School, box provisions

and box toys; Alice Wood, underclothing and hat; Fred W. Lovell, box of candy ornaments for Christmas-tree; Miss Dean, two pairs infant's leggings, one apron; Misses Margaret and Amy Stone, dolls and toys for Christmas.

1900. **January.** "The Club," two nightgowns; A Friend, jelly and preserves; Miss Mildred Fiske, toys and books; "The Club," four aprons, seven skirts; Mrs. W. B. Wood, six bibs, two pairs drawers, one nightgown; "The Bee," six pairs flannel drawers, one waist; F. E. U. A. W., four pairs flannel drawers, four skirts; Mrs. John Read, four quarts milk; Mrs. Harry Ellis, one pair rubber boots, two coats; Mrs. Kent, two gingham dresses, one blouse, one flannelette skirt; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, one pair boots, one pair trousers; Miss Wells's Kindergarten, clothing; Austin Street Sewing Society, eighteen Mother Hubbard aprons.

February. Mrs. John Read, four quarts milk; Sewing Club, "Limited," six aprons, four nightgowns; "No Name" Club, eleven flannelette petticoats, one blouse; Mrs. Kent, two dresses, one pair bed-socks; "The Club," eight flannelette nightgowns, one flannelette skirt, six gingham aprons, one gingham dress; "No Name" Club, three flannelette petticoats, three flannel blouses and pieces; St. John's Church, picture-cards; A Friend, pair rubbers; Miss Winifred H. Rogers, valentines; "T. H. L." Club, valentines; "O. B." Club, one blouse, four aprons, one flannel skirt; Mrs. S. H. Swan, four flannelette nightgowns; Mrs. H. Westcott, valentines; Girls' Friendly Society of St. Bartholomew's Church, ten crash bibs; Miss Alice M. Wood, one pair boots; Mrs. S. E. Ford, one pair shoes, one coat; "The Bee," four pairs flannel drawers, four pairs cotton drawers, two gingham dresses; Mrs. C. T. Carruth and Mrs. Kent, five pairs knitted bed-socks, two gingham dresses.

March. Mrs. Gooch, clothing; Mrs. A. M. Howe, three blankets, one quilt, one tablecloth; Miss Mary Frost Munroe, five pounds homemade candy; Mrs. E. L. Ham, Medford Hillside, material for trousers; Mrs. John Read, four-quart can milk several times; "The Club," six flannelette nightgowns, three gingham aprons, one gingham dress; New Church Ladies' Aid Society, making of fifty cotton waists; Mrs. Ashley, candy and cake; Miss Norton, knitted jacket for infant; Mrs. Kidder, books and magazines; Miss Mary Frost Munroe, Noah's Ark; Sewing Club, "Limited," six aprons, eight nightgowns; Brown, Durrell & Co., one case samples, one box buttons, one case samples of underflannels; "The Bee," two gingham aprons, one nightgown, five pairs flannel drawers; "Basket Club," fifteen skirts; Mrs. H. H. Kidder, sailor collar and blouse fronts; "Basket Club," two petticoats, five aprons, four cotton blouses.

April. W. Graustein, one barrel potatoes; Miss Kelly, one dress, four pairs boots, two pairs stockings, several balls yarn; a friend, one straw hat; Mrs. John Read, milk; Mrs. Louis Agassiz, three gingham aprons, two white dresses, six cambric dresses, two infant's nightgowns; Mrs. J. B. Williams, clothing; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, four dresses, one blouse, one apron; Miss Mary Peabody, five gingham dresses; Mrs. Henry Westcott, four gingham dresses, two gingham aprons; Mrs. C. T. Carruth and Mrs. Kent, five gingham dresses, two flannelette dresses; Mrs. R. H. Dana, two hats, two pairs duck trousers, one white dress, eight aprons, four nightgowns; Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch, two pairs cotton drawers; "The Club," eight aprons, five dresses, three nightgowns, one flannel skirt; Miss Batchelder, three trimmed hats; Miss Adams and Mrs. Scherfeldt, toys; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, table; Shepard Memorial Aid Society, thirteen aprons.

May. Girls' Friendly Society of St. Bartholomew's Church, ten bibs; "No Name" Club, three boy's blouses, four flannel petticoats; Mrs. Whittemore, two coats, four dresses, and articles of infants' clothing; F. E. U. A. W., two pairs flannel drawers, eight flannel petticoats; Mrs. B. W. Taggard, four print aprons, two flannelette petticoats; Miss E. E. Hitman, copies of

"Harper's Bazar"; Miss C. Hunnewell, "Nursery" for one year; C. R. Teele, seven dozen toilet soap, two boxes laundry soap; Old Cambridge Baptist Church, baby's wrapper, two flannelette petticoats, muslin apron, holders; North Avenue Congregational Sewing Society, twenty-three pairs cotton drawers; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, four flannelette petticoats, one print dress, two pairs trousers, one rain coat; Mrs. Leroy Brown, two flannelette nightshirts, two waists, two pairs stockings, one pair trousers, one shirt waist; Mrs. Edward Read, six print dresses, one linen suit, one duck suit, three blouses; Sewing Club "Limited," ten flannelette nightgowns, eight cotton dresses; A Friend, blackboard, toys; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, two cotton dresses, one linen dress, one coat, three pairs stockings; Miss Ethel Vaughan, tennis set and croquet set; Mrs. Allen, two white shirt waists, one boy's suit, toys; The Sewing Club, one flannel nightgown, two flannel blouses, three muslin aprons; Mrs. Walter Woodman, two coats, five blouses, two gingham dresses, two pairs shoes, four hats, three flannelette nightgowns, three woollen dresses, neckties; A Friend, five baby dresses, three hoods, one jacket; Miss C. A. Taggard, six gingham dresses; Miss J. Shearer, box of dolls; Mrs. B. F. Janes, ten straw hats; Mrs. W. B. Lambert, infant's clothing, fish-pond, doll's bed; Edward and Marion Read, rocking horse; Mrs John Read, milk; Mrs. S. B. Hildreth, two boxes toys.

June. Mrs. Pickering, toys, cards, a game; Miss Kelly, two coats, one skirt, one dress, three blouses, two petticoats, two pairs stockings, four pairs shoes; Mrs. Clark, infant's clothing; "O. B." Club, three aprons, two blouses, one pair of drawers; Mrs. Edward Read, one white dress, two boy's suits; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, one coat, one pair trousers, one pair boots; Mrs. Dorr, tricycle, wheelbarrow, doll's carriage, one hat, one pair rubbers, three pairs stockings, two shirt waists, one dress, four baby's petticoats, eight pairs drawers, two nightgowns, one pair slippers; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, two hats, neckties; Miss Leighton, flowers for trimming hats; Mrs. W. B. Wood, one boy's suit, one dress, two flannelette petticoats; Miss Emily A. Proctor, copies of the "Christian Herald;" Miss M. L. Crovatt, "St. Nicholas" for 1899; a friend, one dress, one hood, five vests; "The Club," one flannelette wrapper, two petticoats, four aprons; Mrs. N. Richardson, three coats, one pair trousers, three skirts, four shirt waists, underwear; Mrs. Westcott, strawberries, bonbons, animal crackers; Mrs. Edward Read, child's chair, toys; "Girls' Friendly Society," Christ Church, Cambridge, six pillow cases; F. E. U. A. W., twelve petticoats, six pairs flannel drawers, one apron; a friend, clothing; Mrs. B. F. Bolles, four nightgowns, two skirts, one pair cotton drawers, three pairs flannel drawers; Mrs. W. E. Stone, one woollen dress, two skirts, one pair boots, six cotton dresses, five shirt waists, underwear; Sewing Club "Limited," one flannelette nightgown, five aprons; Mrs. W. B. Durant, one boy's suit, two dozen rubber balls; Mrs. H. Wilson, infant's clothing; Mrs. Cowan, clothing.

July. "F. E. U. A. W.," two flannelette petticoats; Mrs. A. Smith, child's hood; Mrs. Westcott, torpedoes and fire crackers; Mrs. Walter Woodman, one shirt waist, one pair of trousers, three collars, one pair cuffs, five neckties; Mrs. Frank Teele, one coat, eight hats, five pairs boots, four pairs stockings, five shirt waists, two dresses, one skirt; Mrs. R. B. Storer, five dollars for car tickets; Friend, two packages samples; Misses Parsons, six jars preserves for the children; Mrs. D. R. Chapman, two pairs drawers, one waist, one skirt, two aprons, one print dress; Mrs. R. B. Storer, two dollars for car tickets.

August. Mrs. H. Westcott, five dollars for car tickets; Mrs. Bulfinch, two baby's jackets; a friend, two dollars for car rides; Miss Clark, two pictures, one bracket; Mrs. George M. Lee, apples; North Avenue Baptist Church, thirteen aprons; Mrs. Chauncey Smith, basket of crab apples; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, barrel of apples; Mrs. G. M. Lee, basket of pears.

September. Mrs. S. A. Studley, one pair trousers, two pairs of stockings; Mr. J. Q. Bennett, two barrels apples; Mrs. D. F. Ellis, children's clothing; Mrs. F. W. Pike, toys and games; Brown, Durrell & Co., large box of samples; Mrs. C. L. Harding, basket of pears; Mrs. T. L. Smith, barrel of sweet potatoes, barrel of pears; "Holdfast Circle" for Gilman room, six sheets, six pillow cases; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, barrel of apples; Mrs. James, apples; Mrs. M. F. Whitten, bushel of pears; Mrs. Read, toys and games; Mrs. Niles, bushel of pears; Pilgrim Church, package of papers; Mrs. T. L. Smith, pears and flowers; A Friend, box of cocoa, stockings and pieces; Mrs. S. H. Swan, five pairs mittens, six handkerchiefs; F. E. U. A. W. Sewing Club, one skirt, one pair flannel drawers; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, thirteen hoods; Mrs. Leroy S. Brown, toys; Home Missionary Society, Shepard Church, eleven aprons; Mrs. H. S. McKean, one pair of mittens, one cape; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, two barrels of apples; Mrs. W. F. Hurter, rocking horse; Mrs. E. Read, basket of pears; Mrs. Hardy, two bushels of pears; Mrs. T. D. Foster, one boy's suit, one coat, two blouses, one apron; Mrs. Kirk, basket of pears; Nancy and Ralph Piper, a furnished doll's house, a tilt, a high chair, a rug, toys, blocks, ten books and four pairs slippers; North Avenue Baptist Church, lemonade; Dr. Wyman, barrel of apples; Oak Grove Creamery, four to six quarts of milk daily in addition to the quantity purchased.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or over night, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall

be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department. All bills for such supplies, after approval by one of the committee, are to be paid monthly.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

7. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.